

MINUTEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Process

Prospecting. Identify potential nominations that are of high quality and Officer Material

Pre-Qualification. All applicants must be eligible for or already in the ARNG or USAR.

MEPS/DoDMERB, ASVAB, and Physical must be completed. (all waivers resolved)

Enlistment. Applicant Enlists or is eligible to Enlist into either ARNG or USAR.

Packet. Build MM Scholarship packet to include nomination memo.

Interview. PMS Interview at school of attendance to validate MM packet.

Nominee is now a Contracted Scholarship ROTC Cadet.

Minuteman scholarships can be either 2-year GRFD scholarships or DED-GRFD scholarships up to 4 years in length and guarantee that Cadets who commission as Army officers will serve in either ARNG or USAR. Minuteman scholarships require a nomination letter as part of the scholarship packet and offer either full tuition and mandatory fees or a \$10,000 flat rate Room & Board per year that covers up to 4 years/8 semesters of benefits. Minuteman scholarship awardees also receive an annual book allowance and a monthly stipend.

Minuteman Scholarship Cadets can be nominated from any State Adjutant General (TAG), any Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA), a Mission Support Command (MSC), or an Army Reserve Ambassador (ARA) in lengths of 2YRs up to 4YRs for a scholarship. These scholarships are limited each year and need a nomination memo with a handwritten signature from the nomination source. Deadlines for the Minuteman scholarships are 01 September for fall starts and 01 December for spring starts each year.

Qualifications include:

- Must be a US Citizen
- Must not turn age 31 by Dec 31st of Commission year
- Currently in the Reserve Component or eligible to enlist
- Ability to pass the APFT
- Meet 600-9 standards
- Pass Nomination Interview
- PMS validation
- Acceptance letter to college
- Proof of academic major
- Proof of ACT or SAT scores*
- Enroll in SROTC

*4yr MM requires 24ACT/1200SAT or be MOSQ

UNDERSTANDING SMP/GRFD OPTIONS

Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP):

The SMP gives eligible enlisted members of the ARNG and USAR an opportunity to maintain status in their Reserve Component while simultaneously attending college and participating as a contracted Cadet in the ROTC Program working towards a Commission as an Officer.

Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD):

The GRFD scholarship program is designed for Cadets who are interested in obtaining a commission as an officer in the Army National Guard (ARNG) or US Army Reserve (USAR) with a guarantee for a Reserve Component (RC) assignment.

A Contracted Scholarship GRFD Cadet can earn:

- Full Tuition & Fees or \$10k Room & Board per year
- CDT Stipend: \$420 per month Flat Rate (as of Fall 2018)
- Book Stipend: \$1,200 per year
- SMP-Kicker: \$350 if eligible
- Can use any GI Bill with 2-year or less GRFD Scholarship
- Cannot use MGIB Benefits with Dedicated GRFD
- Can use or State Tuition Assistance (STA)
- Masters Students eligible for 2-year GRFD

SMP Non-Scholarship: No tuition & fees or room & board scholarship. No book stipend. Can use any GI Bill benefits (if eligible), can use SMP Kicker (if eligible), can use Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and/or STA (if eligible), receives monthly CDT stipend and CDT/E5 Drill pay. Can compete for Active Duty.

GRFD Non-Scholarship: No tuition & fees or room & board scholarship. No book stipend. Can use any GI Bill benefits (if eligible), can use SMP Kicker (if eligible), can use FTA and/or STA (if eligible), receives monthly CDT stipend and CDT/E5 Drill pay. Has a tracked GRFD control number (can request to revoke this number to compete for Active Duty).

GRFD Scholarship: Up to 2 years of full tuition & fees (uncapped) or room & board (\$10k per year) and \$1,200 per year book stipend. Cannot use MGIB benefits unless CH30 or CH33 eligible, can use STA (if eligible), receives monthly CDT stipend, and CDT/E5 Drill pay. Has a tracked GRFD control number and will access into selected component (either USAR or ARNG only)

Dedicated GRFD Scholarship: Up to 4 years of full tuition & fees (uncapped) or room & board (\$10k per year) and \$1,200 per year book stipend. Cannot use MGIB benefits unless CH30 or CH33 eligible, can use STA (if eligible), receives monthly CDT stipend, and CDT/E5 Drill pay. Has a tracked GRFD control number and will access into component selected at time of contracting (either USAR or ARNG only).

Minuteman Scholarship: Can be either a 2-year GRFD or up to a 4 year Dedicated GRFD Scholarship and requires a nomination letter as part of the application packet. Benefits are the same as the corresponding length of the GRFD.

*See inside of pamphlet for examples of possible monetary

RESERVE COMPONENT SMP AND GRFD INCENTIVES



QUICK REFERENCE AND BENEFIT GUIDE FOR SMP AND GRFD RESERVE COMPONENT CADETS

For more information visit the Reserve Component Directorate webpage: <http://www.cadetcommand.army.mil/reserve.aspx>

NON-SCHOLARSHIP EXAMPLE

	FR	SO	JR	SR	Total
Federal Tuition Assistance	—	—	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$8,000
ROTC Stipend	—	—	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$8,400
Drill/AT Pay	—	—	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$8,800
SR-MGIB	—	—	\$3,670	\$3,670	\$7,340
SMP Kicker	—	—	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$7,000
Total	—	—	\$19,770	\$19,770	\$39,540

This CDT is a 2yr Non-Scholarship in the USAR. No tuition & fees, no room & board, and no book stipend is provided. The CDT used FTA for 2 years and received the ROTC stipend of \$420 a month. Annual training and drill pay are based on E5 pay. This CDT is also MOSQ (attended BCT & AIT) and is entitled to SR-MGIB benefits and the SMP kicker incentive. This CDT can choose to commission into the USAR, ARNG, or can compete for Active Duty.

DEDICATED SCHOLARSHIP EXAMPLE

	FR	SO	JR	SR	Total
3YR DED-GRFD (Room & Board)	—	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
State Tuition Assistance	—	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$54,000
ROTC Stipend	—	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$12,600
Book Stipend	—	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$3,600
Drill/AT Pay	—	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$13,200
Total	—	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$113,400

This CDT is a 3yr Dedicated GRFD Scholarship recipient in the ARNG. The CDT used the ROTC Scholarship for room & board combined with State Tuition Assistance for tuition & fees. The CDT also received the ROTC stipend of \$420 a month and the annual book stipend of \$1,200 per year. Annual Training and drill pay are based on E5 pay. SR-MGIB benefits cannot be used with this scholarship. This CDT contracted Dedicated ARNG which requires that they commission ARNG.

MINUTEMAN SCHOLARSHIP EXAMPLE

	FR	SO	JR	SR	Total
MM Scholarship (Room & Board)	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
State Tuition Assistance	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$72,000
ROTC Stipend	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$16,800
Book Stipend	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$4,800
Drill/AT Pay	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$17,600
Total	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$37,800	\$151,200

This CDT was nominated by the State TAG and awarded a 4yr Minuteman Scholarship. The CDT used the ROTC Scholarship for room & board combined with State Tuition Assistance for tuition & fees. The CDT also received the ROTC stipend of \$420 a month and the annual book stipend of \$1,200 per year. Annual Training and drill pay are based on E5 pay. SR-MGIB benefits cannot be used with this scholarship. This CDT contracted Dedicated ARNG which requires that they commission ARNG.



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